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ENVIRO-TIP OF THE MONTH

Run generators outdoors. Generator exhaust is toxic and carbon monoxide (CO) is deadly, can build up quickly, and can linger for hours. Always put generators outside well away from doors, windows, and vents. More ideas on preventing CO poisoning.

<https://go.usa.gov/xnw4F>

Find out more about safety and environmentally friendly options during severe winter weather.

<https://www.epa.gov/natural-disasters/snow-and-ice>

RECENT NEWS

"Waters of the United States" Applicability Date Finalized. EPA and the Army have finalized a rule adding an applicability date to the 2015 Clean Water Rule. This rule provides clarity and certainty about which definition of "waters of the United States" is applicable nationwide in response to judicial actions that could result in confusion. The new applicability date will be two years after today's action is published in the Federal Register, during which time both agencies will continue the process of reconsidering the 2015 Rule.

<https://go.usa.gov/xn7fP>

Superfund Task Force site launch. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt established the Superfund Task Force in 2017 to provide recommendations for improving and expediting site cleanups and promoting redevelopment. The Task Force web site outlines how EPA can restructure the cleanup process, realign incentives of all involved parties to promote timely remediation, and more. "The Superfund Task Force reflects the best efforts of our career professionals to expedite Superfund site remediation and better protect the health of our citizens

and our environment." -Administrator Scott Pruitt.
<https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-task-force>

Reducing Regulatory Burdens: EPA withdraws "once in always in" policy for major sources under Clean Air Act. EPA issued a guidance memorandum withdrawing the "once in always in" policy for the classification of major sources of hazardous air pollutants under section 112 of the Clean Air Act. "This guidance is based on a plain language reading of the statute that is in line with EPA's guidance for other provisions of the Clean Air Act," said Bill Wehrum, assistant administrator of EPA's Office of Air and Radiation. "It will reduce regulatory burden for industries and the states, while continuing to ensure stringent and effective controls on hazardous air pollutants."
<https://go.usa.gov/xnGm3>

Task Force on Agriculture and Rural Prosperity Recommendations to Revitalize Rural America. The USDA task force sent its report to President Trump outlining recommendations to promote agriculture, economic development, job growth, infrastructure improvements, and more in rural America. "More than ever, American farmers and ranchers deserve regulatory certainty," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "These recommendations renew our commitment to empowering rural America and improving environmental outcomes across the country. I look forward to building on these efforts at EPA to revitalize rural America."
<https://go.usa.gov/xnw4h>

EPA Administrator Suspends Withdrawal of Proposed Determination in Bristol Bay Watershed. Administrator Scott Pruitt is following through on his promise to restore the rule of law and process to the previous Administration's action to restrict mining in Bristol Bay, Alaska. "We have restored process, reviewed comments, and heard from a variety of stakeholders on whether to withdraw the proposed restrictions in the Bristol Bay watershed," Administrator Pruitt said. "Based on that review, it is my judgment at this time that any mining projects in the region likely pose a risk to the abundant natural resources that exist there. Until we know the full extent of that risk, those natural resources and world-class fisheries deserve the utmost protection."
<https://go.usa.gov/xnGmC>

WHAT YOU CAN DO, WHAT YOU CAN USE

Burnwise This Winter. A correctly used wood-burning stove or other appliance should be smoke-free. If you see or smell smoke, you may have a problem, as smoke can contain particles that are harmful to breathe.
<https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/burn-wise-best-burn-practices>

Black History Month. A diverse workforce - scientists, lawyers, emergency responders, managers - brings a balance of perspectives to bear on every challenge we face. Meet some of our African-American employees and what they do at EPA. February is Black History Month. #BlackHistoryMonth
<https://www.epa.gov/careers/profiles-african-americans-epa>

TRI National Analysis. EPA has released the 2016 Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) National Analysis. The publicly available database shows that industrial facilities continue to reduce the releases of TRI chemicals through pollution reduction activities. This year, the interactive website includes expanded access to tribal information, a closer look at off-site transfers of TRI chemicals, highlights of the pharmaceutical manufacturing sector's pollution prevention achievements, and a discussion of the TRI Program's role as a model in the international community.
<https://go.usa.gov/xnGSz>

Heart Health. Did you know air pollution can trigger heart attacks or strokes? One in three Americans has heart disease which can be worsened by air pollution. Check the air quality where you live with the Air Quality Index. Be smart & protect your heart. February is American Heart Month. #HeartMonth
<https://www.epa.gov/air-research/healthy-heart-toolkit-and-research>

Watershed Academy. Join us for a **free webcast** on the new Surface Water Toolbox developed by EPA and the USGS. The Surface Water Toolbox is a user friendly, downloadable tool for water managers to estimate a wide variety of streamflow statistics. Webcast participants are eligible to receive a certificate for their attendance.

DATE: February 8, 2018, 1-3 PM ET.

Learn more about the webcast and register to attend at: <http://www.epa.gov/watershedacademy/watershed-academy-webcast-seminars>

Now open:

P3 Applications (due Feb. 7). It's the 15th annual People, Prosperity and the Planet (P3) Student Design Competition! Under P3, college teams apply for grants to develop and display innovative solutions for a sustainable future. P3 offers students quality hands-on experience that brings classroom learning to life. The application period is open until February 7. Read more about the P3 competition and how to apply:

<https://www.epa.gov/P3>

What is P3? Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URGEUcDtaMA>

Education Grants (due March 15). We're pleased to announced that up to \$3 million in funding for locally-focused environmental education grants will be available under the 2018 EE Local Grant Program. EPA will award 3-4 four grants in each of EPA's ten Regions, between \$50,000 and \$100,000 each, for a total of 30-35 grants nationwide. Proposals are due March 15. Read more about this and how to apply.

<https://go.usa.gov/xnw4X>

EN ESPAÑOL: SPANISH FEATURE

La misión. La misión de la Agencia de Protección Ambiental de Estados Unidos es proteger la salud humana y el medioambiente. Aprenda más acerca de cómo usted puede protegerse, así como proteger a su familia y el medioambiente.

<https://espanol.epa.gov/espanol/protejase>

Equivalent information in English: <https://www.epa.gov/environmental-topics/health-topics>

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

February

Month

National Wild Bird Feeding Month

Day
2, World Wetlands Day

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

Americans want to help protect and improve the nation's land, water, and air. "GoGreen!" is a monthly newsletter from the US EPA summarizing recent news and info you can use to make a difference in your home, community, and workplace.

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